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**TITLE: METHOD FOR INFORMING LAYERS OF A PROTOCOL STACK
ABOUT THE PROTOCOL IN USE**

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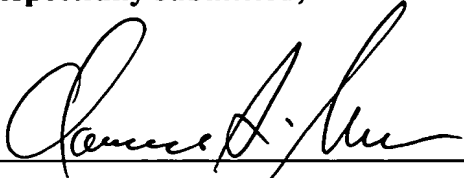
The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed together with the above-identified patent application. Thus, a certification under 37 CFR(e) or fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is not required for the information herein to be considered.

The above-identified patent application claims priority to Finnish Patent Application No. 990264 filed February 10, 1999. Applicant's attorney encloses a copy of a Finnish Search Report issued on the priority Finnish Application No. 990264. The Search Report cited United States Patent Nos. US 5,446,736, US 5,790,553; PCT International Publication Nos., WO 97/08838 and WO 97/41674.

Copies of the Finnish Search Report and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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